



HOWDEN SCHOOL

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Dear Parent /Carer

As the summer exams draw nearer this is an important time for both students and parents/carers and we want to assure you that as a school we are committed to doing all we can to help and support all of our students during this pressurised period.

In order to help you and your child prepare for the exams we thought that it would be helpful if we shared with you the arrangements we have put in place over the coming weeks to support your child at this time.

Home Study Arrangements

In order to provide students with the maximum amount of time with their teachers we expect all students to remain in normal lessons until Friday 10 June. By then the vast majority of GCSE exams will already have been completed. The expectation is that if students have an exam they will attend normal lessons before/after the exam has finished. Students will need to resister in their normal tutor group rooms.

After half-term the school re-opens on Monday, 6 June and the normal timetable will be available for all Year 11 students to undertake supervised revision and exam preparation for the duration of the exam period. To provide additional support during the latter stages of the exam period we have decided to put on some intensive revision sessions to allow students the best opportunity for success possible. These will be held on;

- Tuesday 14 June am (History)
- Wednesday 15 June am (Science4 GCSE)
- Thursday 16 June pm (Science)

On these occasions students will have time to access focused support in core subjects as required and other specific revision based resources.

Pre-exam Booster Sessions

As part of the support package offered to all students this year we will be providing an extensive programme of pre-exam booster sessions, details of which are attached with this letter. The purpose of these sessions is to:

- Focus the students on the exam
- Boost student confidence and provide support before going into the exam
- For those students who want it, provide food and drink to support sustained concentration during the exam
- Ensure students have the best possible start to the exam by providing them with key information (seat numbers, materials pens, pencils etc) last minute exam technique tips/reminders)

Year 11 Leavers' Assembly

Finally, in celebration of the successful time your child has spent at Howden School, we would like to invite parents and carers to join with us in our Year 11 Leavers' Assembly, to be held at 2.00pm on Thursday 9 June 2016.

Due to the capacity of the school hall and Health and Safety this will only allow us two parent/carers per student. This assembly will provide an opportunity to say an official farewell and to look back at some of the more memorable moments over the past five years. As such, it will be a very enjoyable occasion and we hope you will be able to attend.

Please note that, when on site, Year 11 students will be expected to be in full school uniform at all times and this is also a requirement during examinations. Students will register in tutor groups as normal unless they are in an exam where a register will be taken. Registers will be taken during exams however if after the 10th June students are staying after an exam, coming in before an exam or for study sessions they will need to sign in at reprographics.

We would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the staff and governors at Howden School to wish all our students the very best during the forthcoming examination season. We will be available to offer help and support and we hope that students take advantage of the remaining time to attend revision sessions and make use of the extra activities offered by staff in preparation for the exams.

Yours sincerely



Mr G Cannon
Headteacher

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FAO: Reception

Name of Student: Tutor Group:

I shall/shall not attend the Leavers assembly on Thursday 9 June 2016 at 2:00pm.

I shall require seats for the assembly (excluding student).

Signature:Parent/Carer Date:

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Name of Student: Tutor Group:

After Friday 10 June I give consent for my child to attend school for their examinations and support sessions **only**

Name of Parent/Carer:.....(please print)

Signature:Parent/Carer Date:

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